

# Defense Acquisition Executive



## *The Defense Certificate of Recognition for Acquisition Innovation*

**Presented to**

**The Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Technology Assessment  
and Planning Team,  
DoD Missile Defense Agency**

The DoD Missile Defense Agency Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Technology Assessment and Planning Team found new ways to transition innovative technology from the garages of small businesses into the Ballistic Missile Defense System. In so doing, the team leveraged Small Business Innovation Research and other funding to avoid more costly solutions, and expedited insertion of state-of-the-art technology into our nation's defense. As an example, the Team replaced Ground-Based Midcourse Defense System batteries that cost from \$30-\$38,000 with more efficient thermal batteries that only cost \$17,500. Not resting there, the team competed for and won external funding of \$500,000 from the DoD Technology Transition Initiative to develop and test a battery version for use in the GMD Interceptor. The team's success with this Small Business Innovative Research product could not be timelier since the previous battery supplier filed for protection under bankruptcy laws in the spring of 2005. The Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Technology Assessment and Planning Team efforts reduced risk at the same time improved Ballistic Missile Defense System performance.

**January 4, 2006**

Date

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